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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/990,651 entitled "ELECTROCHEMICAL PROCESS FOR PRODUCING IONIC LIQUIDS," by Roger Moulton
Attorney Docket No.: SOU747/4-3US/58001
Confirmation No. 3666

Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced patent application are the following:

1. Information Disclosure Statement;
2. Form PTO-1449 along with references A1-A7 and C1-C12, and
3. A return postcard to acknowledge receipt of these documents. Please date stamp and mail this postcard.

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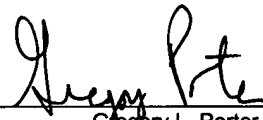
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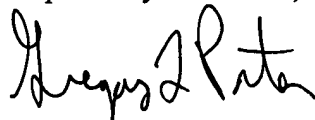
Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97(g),(h), this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made, and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of a first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits, and hence is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). No fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these materials, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. Deposit Account No. 22-0365/SOU747/4-3US.

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